

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJECT: GUB OPIUM CROP DESTRUCTION CAMPAIGN

1. JANUARY 19 LOCAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLE NOTED 200 ACRES OF POPPY DESTROYED IN EARLY JANUARY IN KAYAH STATE BY GUB POLICE AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES. ARTICLE SAID OTHER POPPY FIELDS IN THAT AREA ALSO MARKED FOR DESTRUCTION AND THAT CULTIVATORS WILL BE AIDED IN GROWING ALTERNATIVE CROPS.

2. OPERATION IS PART OF CAMPAIGN BEGUN IN DECEMBER AND HAS EXTENDED TO CHIN HILLS, KACHIN, SHAN AND KAYAH STATES. THUSFAR, PAPERS HAVE REPORTED OVER 500 ACRES OF POPPY DESTROYED IN CAMPAIGN. THIS COMBINES WITH SIMILAR OPERATIONS EARLIER IN 1975 TOTAL OVER 1,000 ACRES DESTROYED.

3. COMMENT: RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MISSION PLACE CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF OPIUM PRODUCTION FOR 1,000 ACRES AT APPROXIMATELY 5.5 TO 6 TONS, COMPARED TO THE ONE TON OFFERED INITIALLY LAST YEAR BY THE SHAN STATE ARMY (SSA) FOR SALE TO THE USG. THE CAMPAIGN

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AGAINST OPIUM FIELDS EVIDENTLY CONTINUES.

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